GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DISTINGUISHED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka requesting for financial assistance to persons distinguished in field of culture, arts and such other walks of life who are in indigent circumstances;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Union Government has considered the proposal of the Government of Karnataka;

(d) If so, the decision taken thereon; and

(e) If not, the reasons for delay and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e) : Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka have recommended the names of 131 artists for financial assistance under the Scheme of Financial Assistance to Persons Distinguished in Letters, Arts and such other walks of life who are in indigent circumstances. Such applications received are considered by an Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Culture. Meeting of the Expert Committee for considering these applications is to take place shortly.